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BORDER PATROL AGENTS NAB WANTED MEMBER OF ORGANIZED CRIME SYNDICATE

PINE VALLEY, CALIFORNIA: On Thursday, March 2nd, U.S. Border Patrol Agents operating the Interstate 8 checkpoint, in Pine Valley, California, were instrumental in the arrest of a wanted fugitive. While conducting routine immigration checks on a westbound Greyhound bus travelling to San Diego, agents came into contact with a Cuban national, not in possession of proper immigration documents. Further record checks revealed that the man was a fugitive, wanted by a Florida task force.

The forty year-old man, a known associate of an organized crime syndicate, was wanted for a variety of cocaine trafficking, racketeering and conspiracy charges. Realizing that he had an outstanding warrant against him, the Cuban attempted to flee by boarding the bus to San Diego. Aware of his intentions, detectives of the Miami, Metro-Dade Police Department had contacted San Diego authorities. Law enforcement officers had staked out a San Diego bus terminal and were awaiting his arrival, when he was intercepted at the Border Patrol checkpoint. The man was arrested and will be turned over to Florida authorities.

This marks the second time in a month that Border Patrol agents at the Interstate 8 checkpoint apprehended a criminal on the run. On February 3, agents intercepted a Louisiana man as he drove a stolen car through the checkpoint. The man, who had been considered armed and dangerous, had stolen the vehicle in a recent carjacking. He was handed over to the California Highway Patrol.